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REF: A. WELLINGTON 1583; B.PORT MORESBY 440;
- C. WELLINGTON 1734 (NOTAL)
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1. AS FOLLOW UP TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA'S CHRIS BEEBE, (REFTEL A) EMBOFF QUESTIONED BEEBE APRIL 6 CONCERNING HIS PLANS, IF ANY, FOR CONTINUED COORDINATION OF SPRFA DISCUSSIONS. THE POSSIBILITY OF BEEBE PASSING THROUGH PORT MORESBY ON HIS WAY TO TEHRAN, AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL B, WAS EXPLORED WITH HIM.

2. BEEBE ADVISED EMBOFF THAT: (A) HE CANNOT IN ANY EVENT GO THROUGH PORT MORESBY EN ROUTE TO TEHRAN AND THAT FURTHERMORE HE BELIEVES THAT TO DO SO WHILE DABB IS IN GENEVA WOULD BE UNWISE; (B) HE WILL BE HAPPY TO DO ALL THAT HE CAN ON AN INFORMAL BASIS BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR TEHRAN TO SEE THAT A MAXIMUM CIRCULATION OF OF VIEWS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS IS ACHIEVED; (C) HE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE FOR THE GENEVA DISCUSSIONS THAT USG, GNZ, PNG, AND GOA OFFICIALS CONCENTRATE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL DEFINITION OF THE FISHERIES AREA, VOTING RIGHTS, AND MECHANICS FOR THE ACCESSION OF OTHER PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT.

3. BEEBE SAID THAT HE HAD ON APRIL 5 ENGAGED PNG TRANSPORTATION MINISTER JEPHCOTT IN A PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATION CONCERNING THE SPRFA AND WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT HE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING JEPHCOTT'S UNDERSTANDING FOR THE NECESSITY TO INCLUDE THE U.S. IN AN SPRFA AGREEMENT. FURTHERMORE, HE BELIEVES THAT JEPHCOTT WILL MAKE HELPFUL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS REGARD AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL UPON HIS RETURN TO PORT MORESBY.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE FOREGOING CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE WITH BEEBE IN THE AFTERMATH OF BEEBE'S RECEIPT OF THE NEWS THAT FIJI MAY BE INTENT ON DISRUPTING THE PROGRESS ALREADY CONFIDENTIAL

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ACHIEVED IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPRFA.(SEE REFTTEL C.) BEEBE WAS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED FOR THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE FIJIAN POSITION AND REMARKED AT ONE POINT, WHEN COMMENTING UPON HIS FUTURE AVAILABILITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, THE HE WILL BE IN SUVA FOR THE NEXT MEETING "IF THERE IS ONE." HE SAID THAT HE AND THE GNZ ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET THE FIJIANS "BACK IN LINE" BEFORE THE SUVA MEETING. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT BEEBE HAS SENT A LENGTHY TELEGRAM TO THE NZ HIGH COMMISSION IN SUVA ENDEAVORING TO PERSUADE THE FIJIANS THAT IT WOULD BE FOLLY FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM COUNTRIES TO CREATE ANY REGIONAL FISHERIES GROUP WHICH EXCLUDES THE U.S. SELDEN

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